

**Chapter 9.32****POOL AND BILLIARD HALLS**

(765-5/60, 854-8/61, 1311-5/67, 3238-7/94)

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**9.32.010 Permit required--Application.** In addition to complying with Chapters 5.04 through 5.16 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code, any person, firm or corporation desiring to engage in the business of operating a pool or billiard hall, or other lawful indoor game conducted for profit and open to the public, shall first make an application for a permit in writing to the City Council containing at least the following information:

- (a) Name and address of applicant;
- (b) Name and address of all financially interested parties of the firm;
- (c) If the applicant is a corporation, the names and addresses of all of the officers of the corporation;
- (d) Name and address of manager or person to be in charge of premises;
- (e) Address or location of the proposed pool or billiard hall or room;
- (f) Number of tables to be operated;
- (g) Whether or not alcoholic beverages are to be sold on the premises;
- (h) List of any and all games and amusement machines and devices to be operated on the premises;
- (i) Signature of the applicant. (765-5/60)

**9.32.020 Applicant--Criminal investigation.** In addition to the written application as herein required, the applicant, manager and persons referred to in subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) of section 9.32.010, shall personally appear before the chief of police or his authorized representative, prior to the City Council meeting when the application for Council Permit is to be heard, and have his or their fingerprints and photographs taken for the purpose of a criminal record investigation. (765-5/60)

**9.32.030 Permit--Council grants or denies.** The City Council shall have full power to grant a permit or reject an application. After Council and police investigation, if it shall appear that the person, firm or corporation is a proper person, firm or corporation to be so licensed, that the location and arrangement of the proposed place where the business is to be conducted is satisfactory, the Council may grant the permit and license, otherwise it shall reject and deny the same. (765-5/60)

**9.32.040 Premises specifications.** For police regulation and proper supervision, all businesses where games of billiards, pool or other indoor games are the primary source of income, shall be open to the public and conducted in a single room without partition. The main entrance or vestibule into said pool or billiard hall or room shall have glass panel doors, and said doors shall at all times be clear, unglazed and unobstructed so that all parts of the room will be open to the public view. At least 50 percent of the square footage of the building front open to the public shall be clear, clean glass which would make the interior of the game room visible from the public street, or walkway. (765, 5/60, 1311-5/67)

**9.32.050 Minors.** No person operating any business regulated by this chapter shall allow any minor under the age of twenty-one to be or remain in any room accessible from, or in which such business is carried on if any alcoholic beverages are consumed, dispensed or sold on the same premises. (765-5/60, 1311-5/67)

**9.32.060 Card games.** No card tables or games of cards whether played for pleasure or for chance shall be allowed, permitted or carried on in any room in which any of the above businesses shall be conducted or in any room accessible therefrom. (765-5/60)

**9.32.070 Prohibited practices.** It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation owning, operating or managing any business regulated by this chapter to permit or allow any person or persons to violate any of the provisions of Chapters 9.24, 9.28, 9.36 or 9.60 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code, or sections 319 et seq., 330 et seq., and 337.1 of the Penal Code of the state of California while in or on the premises of such business. (765-5/60)

**9.32.080 Permit--Posting.** It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate or conduct any business regulated by this chapter for any period of time whatsoever without first having a Council Permit and a current and valid city license posted in a prominent and conspicuous place on the premises. (765-5/60)

**9.32.090 Hours of business.** All billiard and pool room businesses at which alcohol is consumed, dispensed or sold shall be closed between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. All other billiard and pool room businesses shall be closed between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. It shall be a violation of this section for any person except the owner, manager or janitor to be upon the premises during the closed hours. (765-5/60, 1311-5/67)

**9.32.100 Operated in conjunction with other businesses.** Whenever a pool and/or billiard room is operated in conjunction with a bowling center and a part of the bowling center operation, section 9.32.050 hereof pertaining to minors and section 9.32.090 hereof pertaining to hours of business shall not apply to such pool and/or billiard room; provided, however, that no person under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be permitted to be or allowed to remain in such pool and/or billiard room, unless the minor is accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult. (854-8/61)

**9.32.110 Permit--Revocation.** In addition to the penalties provided for any violation of this chapter, the Council may revoke, or may instruct the chief of police to revoke, any permit or license issued for the conduct of said business for violations of any of the provisions of this chapter. (765-5/60)

**9.32.120 Permit--Revocation--Appeal.** Subsequent to revocation of a permit or license under the provisions of section 9.32.100, the permittee or licensee may petition the City Council for a public hearing by filing a written request with the City Clerk within ten (10) days after revocation. (765-5/60)

**9.32.130 Definitions.** As used in this Chapter, the terms "billiard room," "pool room," "billiard hall," and "pool hall" shall mean any place of business with more than four (4) pool or billiard tables. (3238-7/94)